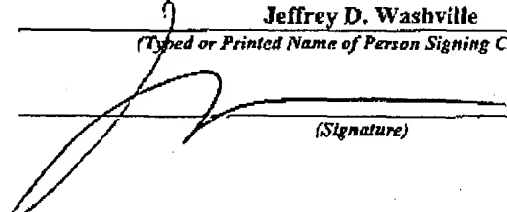
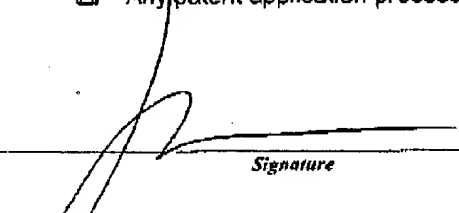
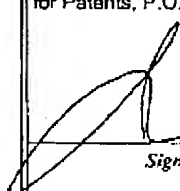


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In response to the Office Action of January 13, 2004,
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Amendments to the Claims are present and begin on page 2.

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